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In re Application of :
DAVIES et al. :
Application No.: 09/647,272 :
PCT No.: PCT/GB99/00942 : DECISION ON PETITION
Int. Filing Date: 25 March 1999 :
Priority Date: 27 March 1998 :
Attorney Docket No.: 57.0286PCT/U :
For: METHOD AND COMPOSITIONS FOR :
WATER CONTROL :

This is a response to applicants' "RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE" filed 20 November 2000 and the unsigned facsimile communication filed 27 June 2001, which are being treated as a request to vacate the Notification of Abandonment (PCT/DO/EO/909) mailed 11 June 2001 in view of the filing of a declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497 on 20 November 2000.

The petition is accompanied by a copy of the declaration filed on 20 November and a postcard receipt evidencing its receipt in the Patent and Trademark Office on 20 November 2000 and requests, in effect, that the copy of the declaration be accepted as a true copy of the declaration filed 20 November 2000.

A review of the application file reveals that a declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497 was received in the Patent and Trademark Office on 20 November 2000. The evidence submitted by applicants, consisting of a postcard receipt with a PCT/PTO mailroom date stamp of 20 November 2000 which itemizes an oath or declaration and power of attorney. The post card receipt bearing the applicants name, serial number, and attorney docket number is sufficient to indicate that the above papers were received on 20 November 2000.

Applicant's petition is **GRANTED**. In view of the receipt of the declaration filed 20 November 2000, the Notification of Abandonment mailed 31 October 2000 was in error and is hereby **VACATED**.

The application has an international filing date of 25 March 1999 under 35 U.S.C. 363 and a 35 U.S.C. 371(c) date of **20 November 2000**.

Applicant should use application number **09/647,272** on all future communications with the Patent and Trademark Office in regards to the U.S. national stage of the international application PCT/GB99/00942.

Deposit Account No. 04-1579 has been charged a \$130.00 surcharge fee under 37 CFR 492(e) for supplying an oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date.

This application is being returned to the United States/Elected Office for processing in accordance with this decision.



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